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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS DEPART FOR NEW YORK

1. GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS AND TURK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN DEPARTED CYPRUS SEPT 14 VIA ATHENS AND ANKARA

RESPECTIVELY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH UN SYG WALDHEIM SEPT 16-17. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS AT HIS DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, ONAN SAID TURKISH SIDE FAVORED SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM THROUGH PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF VIENNA CONFIDENTIAL

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AND BRUSSELS ACCORDS. ONAN ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO

MEET WITH THE SYG AT THE LATTER'S INVITATION AND THAT HE BE-LIEVED "IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO HAVE EITHER A FORMAL OR INFORMAL MEETING WITH PAPADOPOULOS." GREEK CYPRIOT RECOURSE TO THE UN HAS CREATED AN ADVERSE ATMOSPHERE FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS, ONAN ADDED, AND AS LONG AS THE GREEK APPLICATION TO THE UNGA REMAINED, "THE POSSIBILITIES OF RESUMING TALKS WERE ELIMINATED."

- 2. PAPADOPOULOS, WHO IS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY TWO ADVISORS (EX-JUSTICE MINISTER STELLA SOULIOTI AND SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT TRIANTAFYLLIDES). STATED ON HIS DEPARTURE THAT NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS WITH WALDHEIM WERE NOT A SIXTH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BUT PROCEDURAL EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR OPENING SUCH TALKS. HE SAID THAT THE GREEK SIDE IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE AND CONSTRUC-TIVE TALKS UNDER THE AUSPICES AND PERSONAL GUIDANCE OF THE UN SYG AND THAT SUBMISSION OF "SUBSTANTIVE" AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS BY BOTH SIDES IS AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE FOR CONDUCTING SUB-STANTIVE TALKS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS WOULD SUCCEED IN PERSUADING THE TURK CYPRIOT SIDE OF THE NEED TO SUBMIT CTLNCRETE PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY ON TERRITORY, BUT SAID RECENT STATEMENTS BY TURKISH AND TURK CYPRIOT LEADERS DO NOT LEAVE MUCH ROOM FOR OPTIMISM THAT SUBSTANTIVE TALKS CAN BE RESUMED.
- 3. "TFSC DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR DEFENSE
 AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS" CHELIK TOLD US SEPT 14 THAT HE IS DEPARTING CYPRUS LATER THIS WEEK FOR TALKS IN ANKARA AND PROCEEDING
 FROM THE SEPT 19 TO NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL MEET
 WITH ONAN AND PARTICIPATE IN TURKISH EFFORTS TO HAVE CYPRUS
 QUESTION CONSIDERED AT UNGA COMMITTEE LEVEL ONLY. CHELIK
 VOLUNTEERED THAT THE TURKS FELT TIME WAS NOT RIPE FOR RESUMING
 INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIEW OF GREEK CYPRIOT ACTIONS AT COLOMBO,
 ELECTION RESULTS ENDORSING LONG STRUGGLE, AND MAKARIOS' RECOURSE TO UNGA. PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, CHELIK EXPLAINED THAT
 WALDHEIM WANTED TO MEET THE NEGOTIATORS TO EXPLORE THE
 SITUATION, AND THE NEGOTIATORS THUS WOULD BE HAVING SEPARATE
 CONSULTATIONS WITH WALDHEIM "TO START OUT."
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